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Docket No. 7157-481

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schlieffers et al.

Filed: November 1, 2001      Group Art Unit: to be determined

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first line, insert:

--This application is a continuation application of application no. 09/255,584 filed February 22, 1999 and now pending.--

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If any extension of time for this preliminary amendment is required, applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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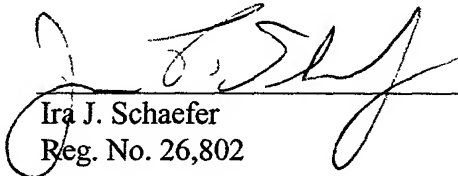
**REMARKS**

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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